

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2014 – 15th Season

## Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 29 June 2014 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	DQ39			
Loci	2126			
Baskets	3179			
Walls 1267, 1296, 1917				
Floors				

1. Cleaned western and central zones of weeds that grew up over the winter
2. discussed weakness of western wall in the SW room of the Beta building with the conversation team. Recommended reconstruction
3. Continued work in DQ39
  - a. Goal = to identify the SE corner of the HTyche
  - b. Basket = 3179
  - c. Starting elevation = 90 cm above floor in NE corner of room 131.98
  - d. Ending elevation = 45 cm above floor 131.53
  - e. Soil = horizon B
  - f. At about ten cm above floor, many pottery shards appear in fill. Worked above that level.
  - g. Few shards in L2126; mostly smaller rocks and dirt.
  - h. Somewhat to our surprise, the east wall abuts the south wall. Since the south wall is of such poor quality and later in construction, we expected the opposite. We therefore surmise that this part of the House of Tyche was abandoned for a time and the walls had collapsed (earthquake?). Later in the Umayyad period, someone constructed a domicile in this corner of the house of Tyche, using the east wall line and installing the south wall. gaps in the east wall were then filled in.
  - i. in the SE corner, the east wall has a seam, but it is about 15 cm south of the southern line of the south wall. A similar reality holds true with the wall on the west side of the space. The significance is uncertain and requires excavation of the square to the south.