

Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2004 – 5th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 27 September Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B2a		C2	D0	E1	
Loci	L550	L551	F544	L547	L505	L548
Baskets	1944	1946	1945	1943	1941	1942
Walls	W511, W513, W521, W541					
Floors	F544, F545					

- Continued work in Square B2a
 - Starting elevation = 130.774
 - Ending elevation = 130.527
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - List of architectural items -- none
 - Under the plaster of F517 was a base of flat stones at 130.64
 - Under the flat stones was a base of pebbles
 - The north line of the opening was plastered vertically . . . running east/west.
Could this plaster have joined with the plaster that originally sealed the tomb?
So, the foundation for the first building was bounded on the north by the line of the stylobate, on the east by the line of the apse, and on the west by the chancel screen base. The latter was not plastered, so the chancel screen base may have cut the line, even as the stones for F517 cut the plaster.
- Continued work in Square C2
 - Starting elevation = 130.59
 - Ending elevation = 130.59
 - List of architectural items -- none
 - Continued conservation work on F544
- Continued work in Square D0
 - Starting elevation = 130.96
 - Ending elevation = 130.69
 - Soil is Horizon B
 - List of architectural items

- Discovered two stairs next to W521 at east end of the square. Although the balk is in the way, the stairs seem to continue to the east over the pillars in C0 (explaining the blocks piled up around them). Could they be leading to a second story or tower in B0? Could they provide access to a balcony over the north aisle (thus explaining the gap between CN3 and CN4)?
 - A blocked doorway provides access through W521 to the north aisle next to the cistern. The doorway closed from inside the church.
 - Continued work in Square E1
 - Starting elevation = 130.904
 - Ending elevation = 130.61
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - List of architectural items
 - 091 – stone with incised face
 - 092 – stone with incised face
 - 093 – stone with beveled end
 - 094 – door jamb
 - Discussion of phasing in atrium
 - Stylobate and column bases seem to precede church, as the stylobate seems to run south of the SW corner of the church
 - Church comes next with the mosaic floor in the atrium. Some of its plaster curves up the side of the exterior wall of the church
 - Flagstone floor overlays the mosaic, so it is later. The floor seems to be contemporaneous with the main threshold and the street to the south, but all were put in after the stylobate and columns as the threshold overlays a column base and abuts the column (not a normal position). A wall (552) running south from the threshold and column overlays the street (is later than the street). W513 comes from much later and floats on top of the column bases. Some framing between the first two column bases on the stylobate does not float and may come from the time of the threshold installation.
 - We need to find the relationship between the mosaic and the stylobate.
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Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1941**

Locus: 505
 Opening elevation: 130.904
 Weight: 0.17
 Manager: Schuler

Square: E1
 Closing elevation: 130.78
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramic non-Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulla | <input type="checkbox"/> Copper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tesserae | <input type="checkbox"/> Basalt | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin | <input type="checkbox"/> Flint | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Worked Bone | |

Remarks:

Glass:

Animal bones: 1

Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 1 white

Clusters:

Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim									
Handle									
Body Shard	1		6				4		

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1942**

Locus: 548
 Opening elevation: 130.78
 Weight: 3.23kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: E1
 Closing elevation: 130.61
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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Remarks:

Glass: thick dark green dome 0.5cm radius, blue-green rim 12.5% of 4 cm, 3 blue-green frags., 2 silvered frags

Animal bones: 51 Roof tiles: 8

Tesserae: 31 white, 31 light brown, 1 brown, 1 grey, 7 black, 3 pink, 1 red, 1 yellow

Clusters:

Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base					1				
Rim	2		1		1		1		
Handle			8	1			2		
Body Shard	4		75				39		

Remarks:

cypriot etched plate rim 8.5% of 10 cm
 fineware grooved plate rim 8.5% of 9.5cm
 pot rim 17.5% of 5cm
 pot handle/rim 10% of 5.5cm
 shallow cooking bowl rim 18% of 10 cm
 jar rim 10% of 4cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1943**

Locus: 547
 Opening elevation: 130.96
 Weight: 1.60kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: D0
 Closing elevation: 130.69
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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Remarks:

Glass: thick green fragment of bottle neck, thin brown frag., 3 blue-green frags.

Animal bones: 7 Roof tiles: 7

Tesserae: 12 white, 2 light brown, 1 brown, 2 black

Clusters: 1 of 1 black and 1 pink

Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim	1						3		
Handle			1				5		
Body Shard	1		34				25		

Remarks:

fineware bowl rim 2.5% of 12cm
 thick amphora rim/handle 5% of 7.5cm
 thin jar handle/rim 2.5% of 10cm
 thick jar rim 10% of 4cm
 thin-walled jar rim 8% of 6cm
 thin-walled jar rim 17.5% of 5 cm

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1944**

Locus: 550
 Opening elevation: 130.774
 Weight: 0.18kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: B2
 Closing elevation: 130.527
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: sealed context

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Remarks:

Glass:

Animal bones:

Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 6 white, 1 light brown, 1 black, 2 pink

Clusters:

Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim									
Handle				1					
Body Shard	0		12				11		

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1945**

Locus: F544
 Opening elevation: 130.59
 Weight: 0.37
 Manager: Schuler

Square: C2
 Closing elevation: same
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: Destruction Fill

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Remarks:

Glass:

Animal bones: Roof tiles:

Tesserae: 99 white, 5 grey, 18 black, 1 pink, 4 red, 7 yellow

Clusters: 1 of 2 white, 1 of 4 white, 1 of 2 black

Other:

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base									
Rim									
Handle									
Body Shard				1					

Remarks:

Basket Field Card**Hippos NEC 2004****Basket # 1946**

Locus: 551
 Opening elevation: 130.774
 Weight: 0.51kg
 Manager: Schuler

Square: B2
 Closing elevation: 130.527
 Date: 27-Sep-04
 Loci type: sealed context

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Remarks:

Glass: blue-gree rim 10% of 4.5cm, blue-green frag.
 Animal bones: 3 Roof tiles:
 Tesserae: 9 white, 2 dark brown, 4 black
 Clusters:
 Other: plaster lump

Basket Analysis

	Fine Wares		Course Cooking Wares				Other Coarse Wares		Lamps
	Bowl/Plate	Juglet	Pot	Casserole	Bowl	Lid	Jar	Other	
Base					1				
Rim	1			1					
Handle			1				1	1	
Body Shard	1		19				43		

Remarks:

fineware bowl base/rim 2.5% of 8cm
 casserole rim 3% of 14cm

Daily Drawing

