

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2005 – 6th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: ___5 July___ Area: ___NEC___ Manager: ___Schuler___

Squares	B4	D0			
Loci	L503	F547			
Baskets	1966	1965			
Walls	W540, W510, W512				
Floors	F547				

- Continued work in Square B4
 - Starting elevation = 132.15
 - Ending elevation = 132.20 (square brought to level)
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Two fragments of door jambs were recovered
- Continued work in Square D0
 - Starting elevation = 130.58
 - Ending elevation = 130.42
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Cleaned the installation in the southwest corner of the north lateral chamber. It was plastered and collected water (from the roof) for the cistern. Water was collected in a bowl and then channeled through the wall and flowed down a plastered surface into the cistern. Outside dimensions of the basin are 49 x 49. Inside dimensions are 34 cm (E/W) and 37 cm (N/S). The channel through the wall is approximately 15 cm wide and 10 cm high.
 - Installation next to the north wall is also a collection basin for a cistern. The eastern half is plastered and seems more natural as such a collection basin. The western half appears to be destruction fill. What appears to be a corner sits above the eastern wall of the cistern. Significant destruction fill remains.
 - The steps in the north lateral chamber rise an average of 20cm per step. If the steps continued to W539, they would be at a height of 2m, sufficient to reach a second story. Evidence of supporting structure for stairs east of W539 will be significant.

Observations

- The two collection basins in the north lateral chamber may suggest that the chamber was a courtyard and not roofed. But the dirt and plaster floor suggest an interior space.

Daily Drawing

