

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

Date: 6 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	B4	D0		E4	
Loci	L503	F549	W540	L505	
Baskets	1968	1967	1970	1969	
Walls	W540, W555, W512, W510, W552				
Floors	F549, F556				

- Continued work in Square B4
 - Starting elevation = 132.20
 - Ending elevation = 131.82
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Continued to articulate W510 and W512.

- Continued work in Square D0
 - Starting elevation = 130.42
 - Ending elevation = 130.42
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Careful cleaning of W540 demonstrates that the wall is comprised of two section: the original northerly section of some 72cm width and a later inner section (now called W555) that abuts W540 between W539 and W511. A part of W555 on the east side of the cistern aligns with the east opening of the cistern. Initially, it looks like a corner of a structure (pre-existing?).
 - Careful examination of the floor layers in the north lateral chamber suggest the following reconstruction.
 - F556 is contiguous with the cistern. Its plaster base is 130.32 in the easterly section and the stone foundation for the southwest water basin is 130.31. The stone floor next to the cistern (130.51) and the stones in front of the doorway in W539 (130.42) are part of this floor. On top of F556 is a mud and plaster floor (F549) which conforms with the threshold in W511. The floor near the threshold is 130.56. The partial step of the staircase is 130.54. And the plaster/mud remaining is 130.47 (about 10 cm of the floor has been removed). The door

threshold to the east room is 130.74, a step up from the mud/plaster floor (the staircase rises about 201-22 cm per step.

- The three column bases and the staircase in the north lateral chamber sit atop F549.
- Started work in Square E4
 - Starting elevation = 131.75
 - Ending elevation = 131.47
 - Soil is Horizon A
 - Worked east of W552, which seem to proceed to the south.

Observations

Daily Drawing

