

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

Date: ___ 26 July ___ Area: _____ NEC _____ Manager: Schuler

Squares	B0	E2			
Loci	L579	L567	L582		
Baskets	2024	2022	2023		
Walls					
Floors					

- Continued work in Square B0
 - Starting elevation = 130.46
 - Ending elevation = 130.46
 - Soil is Horizon C
 - Trenched to north and east of the prothesis to clarify walls and to prevent dirt from washing in over the winter. North trench to 131.47. East trench to 131.71.
 - Identified a new wall (W580) going north from W540. It is offset 35cm to the east of W560. We presume this wall is part of a room north of the middle chamber. Excavation of that room is limited by the new road being constructed just to the north of the church.

- Continued work in Square E2
 - Starting elevation = 130.66
 - Ending elevation = 130.60 and 130.32 in probe
 - Soil is Horizon B/C
 - No sign of the expected atrium has surfaced west of the stylobate.
 - The “stair” north of W574 is less certain
 - Opened a 2.5m probe west of the stylobate at the north end of the square.
 - It that probe we met a level of mud/plaster at elevation and identified it as F584.
 - There also seems to be a step or something on the west edge of the stylobate at 130.57.
 - Will continue the probe tomorrow.

- Conservation

- Continued to stabilize edges of mosaic.
- Cleared a sample of one mosaic pattern: Avi-Yonah pattern B8 in red bordered by a guilloche.

Observations

Daily Drawing

Note: A number of minor modifications and projections have been added to the drawing below to bring it into better compliance with the data available.

