Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: <u>23 July 07</u> Area: <u>NEC</u> Manager: <u>Schuler</u>

| Squares | E9/10 | C5 | A4 | F2 | | | |
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| Loci | L548 | L1205 | L1226 | L563 | | | |
| Baskets | 2184 | 2185 | 2186 | 2187 | | | |
| Walls | W510, W512, W1208, W1216, W1224, W1229, W1230 | | | | | | |
| Floors | | | | | | | |

- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Repair and drawing continue.
- Resumed work on Square A4
 - Starting elevation = average level south east area = 132.471; W1230 = 132.557; column top = 132.937; average level street = 132.159
 - Ending elevation = average level east of W1230 = 132.382; average level street area = 131.961
 - Soil is Horizon B.
 - Worked area of Cardo3N only
 - Leveled area east of W1230
 - Noted a seam in the east outer wall of the church (W512) aligned with the southern edge of W510. We designate the northern section W512a and the southern section W512b. Apparently one or the other was extended when the church was constructed.
- Continued work on Square C5
 - Starting elevation = average level north of W1224 = 131.460; average level south of W1224 (low area) = 130.981; average level south of W1224 (high area) = 131.389; protrusion area on east side of W1229 = 131.061
 - Ending elevation = average level north of W1224 = 131.473; average level south of W1224 = 131.071; average level west of W1229 = 131.447
 - Soil is Horizon B.
 - Lowered the east and northern sections to the level of the protrusion in
 W1229. We presume that protrusion is a previous wall or a foundation.

- Continued work in E9-10.
 - Starting level =. pavers north = 129.362; pavers middle =129.062;
 - Ending elevation = level of pavers
 - o Finished major work on the street.
 - o Repaired more of the wall on the west.
 - o Exposed remaining pavers.
 - o Elevations of Cardo 2N from north to south
 - 0 meters 130.829
 - 2.5 meters 130.740
 - 5 meters 130.709
 - 7.5 meters 130.574
 - 10 meters 130.354
 - 12.5 meters 130.099
 - 15 meters 129.829
 - 17.5 meters 129.569
 - 20 meters 129.459
 - 22.5 meters 129.299
 - 25 meters 129.123
 - 27.5 meters 129.014
 - 30 meters 129.114
 - 32.5 meters 128.681
 - 35 meters 128.660
 - o Description of cardo from north to south
 - 3.9m -- drain pavers begin
 - 4.26-4.40m drain
 - 9.75m Beginning of western block building 1
 - 11.0 no ashlars on east side
 - 11.1m part of block wall protrudes 15 cm to east
 - 12.3m end of protrusion

[Protrusion may be a blocked doorway, as the base is one stone.]

18.65 – wall blocking cardo

- 20.65m end of block building, beginning of e/w alley?
 (10.9m face to building 1)
- 20.9m first lacunae in paving
- 22.4m end of most paving; worst tumble on west; second west building begins
- 24.0m -- end of tumble on west, repair also begins
- 27.0m -- repair ends on west
- 29.30m second section of repair begins on west
- 30.40m second section of repair ends
- 34.30m decumanus maximus
 - 11.9m face to second building to cardo, 12.9m facing decumanus
- Continued work in F2
 - Clarified the corner of W1216A and W1208
 - o Identified that W1216A extends to the west as does W553.
 - The western extent of the NEC compound has yet to be clarified.

Observations

Daily Drawing

