

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2011 – 12th Season Daily Log + Drawing

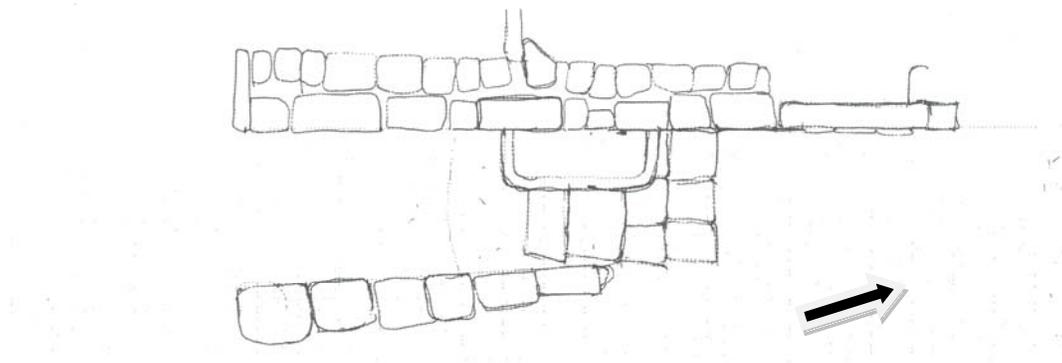
Date: 11 July 11 Area: NIP Manager: Schuler

Squares	XX99	XX/YY0	F10	F10(w)
Loci	1924	1930	1928	1894
Baskets	2412	2411	2413	2414
Walls	1251, 1298, 1923			
Floors				

1) Northeast Zone

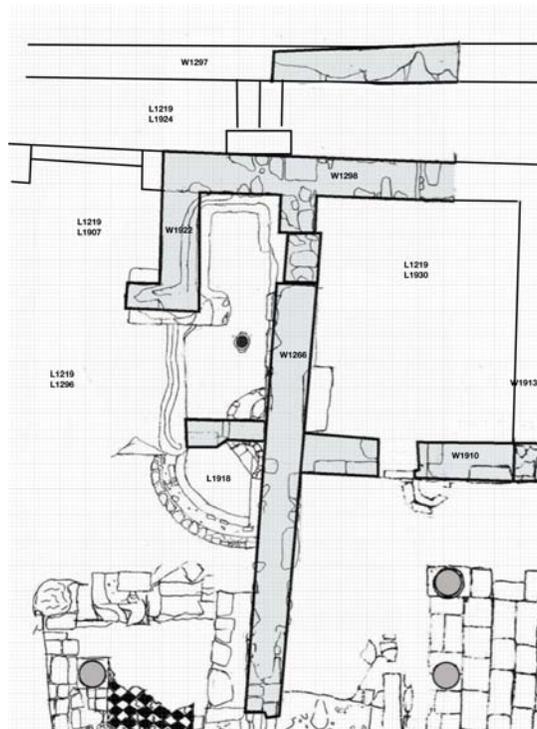
a) Continued work in Square XX99.

- i) Goal = Clarify more of Cardo 4 to the north and a possible entrance into the garden to the west.
- ii) Basket = 2412 (Large pieces of Beisan jars, 400 CE – 600 CE)
- iii) Starting elevation = 129.84 (average), 130.08 (lower step), 130.35 (upper step)
- iv) Ending elevation = 129.84 (average), 130.08 (lower step), 130.35 (upper step)
- v) Soil is Horizon B
- vi) Built a shelf to the east and to the north to reduce chance of collapse
- vii) Identified catch basin next to W1298. It is elongated north to south (114x41.5 cm interior, 150 x49 cm exterior, depth 14 south to 21 north)
- viii) Reduced level in east half of the square.



b) Continued work in Square XX/yy0.

- i) Goal = Excavate NE hall of peristyle court
- ii) Basket = 2411 (Mixed periods from HEL / EROM to BYZ; some BYZ jar fragments; Indicative Wares ESA; SF; 200 BC - 600 CE
- iii) Starting elevation = 131.22 (average north of W1913)
- iv) Ending elevation = 130.91
- v) Soil is Horizon A.
- vi) Leveled square and began to lower overall level
- vii) Recovered two nails from the fill (#530 7.5 cm including head, no tip; #531 4cm head but no tip)



2) Southwest Zone

a) Continued work in Square F10.

- i) Goal = identify the structure and function of Building Complex Alpha
- ii) Basket = 2413 (Little pottery; Beisan jars; Indicative Wares KFH; LRC (Hayes, form 3); Residual KFH; 400 CE - 600 CE;
- iii) Basket = 2414 (Fragments of Beisan jars; 400 CE – 600 CE)
- iv) Starting elevation = 129.36 (high), 129.13 (low), 128.91 (west of W1923)
- v) Ending elevation = 129.289 (high) 129.034 (low)

- vi) Soil is Horizon B
- vii) Cleared most of room west of W1923
- viii) Continued to remove fill from central area. Fill has many large stones.
- ix) Identified the corner of an *in situ* lintel stone providing an entrance into the southeast room, spanning from W1923 to W1251??
- x) In E9/10 clarified that level is not a floor but a layer of mud/plaster.

