

## ***Hippos (Sussita) 2016 – 17<sup>th</sup> Season*** **Daily Log and Drawing**

**Date: 18 July 2016** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area: NIP Manager: Schuler**

Squares	DP45	DO45	DN46	DN45	
Loci	2147	2147	2160	2159	
Baskets	3467	3468	3469	4370	
Walls					
Floors					

1. Continued work in DP45 and DO45 (east)
  - a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
  - b. Basket = 3467 and 3468
  - c. Starting elevation = 129.66 (south), 129.60 (north) (floor at 129.36)
  - d. Ending elevation = 129.34 (floor)
  - e. Soil = layer 3 soil
  - f. Comments
    - i. Removed floating wall (W541)
    - ii. Cleared to level of crude stone floor. The stone floor (F2162) is a step above (20 cm) F2149.
    - iii. Recovered a broken nail 9 cm in length (#853).
    - iv. In the north part of the square and parallel to W540, we discovered a door threshold (exterior to the north) of an earlier structure on the site (elevation =

129.52). A single stone (60x55cm) of the wall (W2163) sits to the east of the threshold. The threshold is 56 cm wide and 106 cm long in two sections.

- v. The stone floor is 66cm below the floor south of W540, so we interpret the opening as a window (elevation = 130.75, although the seams in the exterior of W540 go all the way to the level of the stone floor (F2162). On second thought, widows of such a width would require a significant header.
- vi. F2149, upon further observation, may be partially bedrock (soft limestone).

Locus	Basket	Area	Date	Mainly Dating from	Mainly Dating to	Abbreviations
2147	3467	NIP	18/07	5CE	6CE	<i>BG -- Black Gloss</i>
<b>Stratigraphic Context</b>						<i>CC -- Colour-Coated</i>
SQ:DP 45						<i>SF -- Phoenician Semi Fine</i>
<b>Description / Comments</b>						<i>ESA -- Eastern Sigillata A</i>
5 shards						<i>ITS -- Italian Terra Sigillata</i>
<b>Indicative Wares</b>						<i>ARS -- African Red Slip</i>
LRC, paralle to Hayes(form 3F) mid 6CE;BYZ cooking pot;						<i>CRS -- Cypriote Red Slip</i>
<b>Residual</b>			<b>Intrusive</b>			<i>LRC -- Late Roman C</i>
ESA;early Roman jar;						<i>KFH - Kefar Hananya Cooking Ware</i>
<b>Kept</b>			<b>Thrown</b>			<i>FBW -- Fine Byzantine Ware</i>
ALL						<i>ICW -- Islamic Cream Ware</i>
						<i>AMP -- Amphora</i>
						<i>HEL -- Hellenistic 200/150 - 50 BC</i>
						<i>ROM -- Roman General 50 BC - 400 CE</i>
						<i>EROM -- Early Roman 50 BC - 150 CE</i>
						<i>MROM -- Middle Roman 150 CE - 400 CE</i>
						<i>BYZ -- Byzantine 400 - 650 CE</i>
						<i>UMM -- Umayyad 650 -750 CE</i>

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2147	3468	NIP	18/07	5CE	early 6CE	BG -- Black Gloss
<b>Stratigraphic Context</b>						CC -- Colour-Coated
SQ:SO 45						SF -- Phoenician Semi Fine
<b>Description / Comments</b>						ESA -- Eastern Sigillata A
4 shards of 2 vessels						ITS -- Italian Terra Sigillata
<b>Indicative Wares</b>						ARS -- African Red Slip
ARS, parallel to Hayes (form 91A/B) A-mid/late 5CE, B-450-530CE;BYZ cooking cassrole						CRS -- Cypriote Red Slip
<b>Residual</b>			<b>Intrusive</b>			LRC -- Late Roman C
						KFH - Kefar Hananya Cooking Ware
<b>Kept</b>			<b>Thrown</b>			FBW -- Fine Byzantine Ware
all						ICW -- Islamic Cream Ware
						AMP -- Amphora
						HEL -- Hellenistic 200/150 - 50 BC
						ROM -- Roman General 50 BC - 400 CE
						EROM -- Early Roman 50 BC - 150 CE
						MROM -- Middle Roman 150 CE - 400 CE
						BYZ -- Byzantine 400 - 650 CE
						UMM -- Umayyad 650 -750 CE

## 2. Continued work in DN46 and DN45 (west)

- a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- b. Basket = 3469 and 3470
- c. Starting elevation = 129.51 (north), 129.76 (level of fill in the interior of the taboun)
- d. Ending elevation = 129.40 (north), 129.49 (bottom of the taboun)
- e. Soil = above mud floor
- f. Comments
  - i. In the area north of W2156, we made the fill anew locus do to a change in soil contents (L2160)
  - ii. We stopped work at a level that seems to be a mud floor (elevation = 129.40). If confirmed, we will give it a locus designation later.
  - iii. We collected much pottery and bones (including a number of large vertebrae).
  - iv. We also recovered a small pendant (#855) and a soft stone bead (#856) from a necklace.

- v. A 5 cm fragment of a nail was also recovered (#854).
- vi. In the taboun, we are reaching the level where the ceramic exterior curves in. there are several stones that may have held pots above a burning fire. Several think ceramic pieces may have been part of a plate for holding contents. Several highly decorated rims were recovered from a cluster of pottery in the back of the taboun. Field reading was Mamluk, which would suggest that the taboun and the related structures are a much later intrusion into the ruins of the North building. Later work done by ceramicist dated the piece to the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Locus	Basket	Area	Date	Mainly Dating from	Mainly Dating to	Abbreviations
2160	3469	NIP	18/07	3CE	5CE	BG -- Black Gloss
<b>Stratigraphic Context</b>						CC -- Colour-Coated
SQ:DN46						SF -- Phoenician Semi Fine
<b>Description / Comments</b>						ESA -- Eastern Sigillata A
large amount of ceramics; most are jars, few Baysan; cooking ware; bwols;						ITS -- Italian Terra Sigillata
<b>Indicative Wares</b>						ARS -- African Red Slip
oil lamp, parallel to Bet Shean (Hadad tayne 16 p.28:66)3CE-5CE; few jar rims, parallel to Nahal Haggit(fig.3.11:3)mid 3CE-4CE;Baysan jars, parallel to Sussita 2006(fig.3:38)late Roman-BYZ;BYZ cassroles, parallel to Hamat Gader(plate III:27-34) late Roman-BYZ; closed cooking pot parallel to Hamat Gader (plate III:19-23)late Roman-BYZ, Sussuta						CRS -- Cypriote Red Slip
<b>Residual</b>			<b>Intrusive</b>			LRC -- Late Roman C
						KFH - Kefar Hananya Cooking Ware
<b>Kept</b>			<b>Thrown</b>			FBW -- Fine Byzantine Ware
indicative			most			ICW -- Islamic Cream Ware
						AMP -- Amphora
						HEL -- Hellenistic 200/150 - 50 BC
						ROM -- Roman General 50 BC - 400 CE
						EROM -- Early Roman 50 BC - 150 CE
						MROM -- Middle Roman 150 CE - 400 CE
						BYZ -- Byzantine 400 - 650 CE
						UMM -- Umayyad 650 - 750 CE

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2159	3470	NIP	18/07	4CE	6CE	<i>BG -- Black Gloss</i>
<b>Stratigraphic Context</b>						<i>CC -- Colour-Coated</i>
SQ: DN 45 Tabun?*restoration*						<i>SF -- Phoenician Semi Fine</i>
<b>Description / Comments</b>						<i>ESA -- Eastern Sigillata A</i>
large amount of body shards of cooking ware and jars; tabel AMP? With a "Diamond" shape engraved; Tessara;						<i>ITS -- Italian Terra Sigillata</i>
<b>Indicative Wares</b>						<i>ARS -- African Red Slip</i>
neckless cooking pot, parallel to Hamat Gader(palte V:25)4CE-6CE; cooking pot competing KFH C4B, later 4CE-later 6CE, parallel to Sussita 2008(fig.11:218); Baysan jar parallel to Sussita 2007(fig.8:122) 4CE-5CE;lid, parallel to Sussita 2007(fig.12:184)4CE-5CE; tabel AMP parallel to Sussita 2007(fig.8:120) mid-early 8CE end(fig.7:111), parallel to Sussita						<i>CRS -- Cypriote Red Slip</i>
<b>Residual</b>						<i>LRC -- Late Roman C</i>
						<i>KFH - Kefar Hananya Cooking Ware</i>
<b>Intrusive</b>						<i>FBW -- Fine Byzantine Ware</i>
						<i>ICW -- Islamic Cream Ware</i>
<b>Kept indicative</b>						<i>AMP -- Amphora</i>
						<i>HEL -- Hellenistic 200/150 - 50 BC</i>
<b>Thrown some</b>						<i>ROM -- Roman General 50 BC - 400 CE</i>
						<i>EROM -- Early Roman 50 BC - 150 CE</i>
						<i>MROM -- Middle Roman 150 CE - 400 CE</i>
						<i>BYZ -- Byzantine 400 - 650 CE</i>
						<i>UMM -- Umayyad 650 -750 CE</i>

### 3. Opened middle area DO45

- a. Goal = discover form and function of building north of the NEC
- b. Basket = none
- c. Starting elevation = 131.31
- d. Ending elevation = 131.10
- e. Soil = tractor fill
- f. Comments
  - i. We opened the 2 meter balk between the east and west sections.

