

# Woman discovers the past

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towels in the shower each night and comforting herself with the thought that many people in the world don't have water.

Rising time was 4 a.m. and first breakfast was instant coffee and maybe some peanut butter. After a 20-minute bus ride to the Tel, work began at 5 a.m. A second breakfast was at about 9 a.m. and the group would come down from the Tel for hard boiled eggs, cucumbers, tomatoes and bread.

Work went on from 9:30-10:45 a.m. and then a break for water. The eight-hour work day was from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The last hour was the hardest, Mrs. Doner said. The sun was high and everyone was sweating and dirt-streaked, and their body and digestive systems frustrated.

Mrs. Doner, who worked next to a water channel, said, "As we got down into a lower strata, those in the trench next to me discovered a waterhole used 1,800 years ago. It was a very strange feeling."

COINS WERE found inside the walls of what was an old structure in a split or crack of rocks.

"It is still the best place to hide or find something wonderful," she said. Ancient ovens or "turnus" and cooking vessels were discovered.

Cooking, said Mrs. Doner, was a major enterprise then. Glass pieces found were molded, made in an era before glass was blown.

Strict rules were adhered to. "I would see a fragment in the bulk (wall of the trench), a piece of pottery sticking out and couldn't remove it," Mrs. Doner said.

"They wanted to leave what was in the bulk to show what was in each level," she said. At the end of the day all fragments were weighed, all items described and statistics recorded.

Mrs. Doner kept a journal just as she has for eight years.

"Haunches feel effects of squatting in the sand box trench," she wrote one day. And on July 17, "I dug low enough

to connect another trench. I swept an old Roman waterway uncovered. We still don't know how our space functioned." July 20. "It seems that Thursday is the day we have fruit as the van passes an Arab market that conveys that morning. I am told they grow and sell henna."

She would sit alone and write in her journal. She picked out an embryonic cotton pod in half and wrote "almost brain-like in its convolutions. Note: Found in loose fill, pieces with discernable naturalistic decoration. Bone pottery, glass, pieces of mosaic flooring found."

July 21: "A Romanesque lobate exposed in the trench, a base for a column. It seems thrown in with other rubble, not in archaeological scheme. We continue down, using patches to break the soil and scrape it into a blue dust pan.

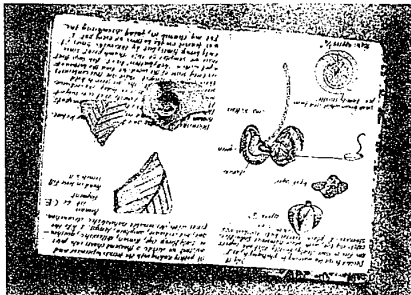
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Notebook kept by Michele Doner is a valuable record of the events, the finds and her impressions of her experience in Israel.

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