

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

Date: 18 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A4	E9-10	A5				
Loci	L1226	L548	L1225				
Baskets	2176	2175	2177				
Walls	W1230, W1236						
Floors							

- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Repair and drawing continue.
 - Remains of those twelve who were buried in the masonry chamber were re-interred in a Christian ceremony.
- Resumed work on Square A4
 - Starting elevation = 132.897
 - Ending elevation = average level = 132.396; average upper level street = 132.749; average level northerly room in A5 = 132.369
 - Soil is Horizon B.
 - Removed about .5 m of horizon B soil north of the column drum. Revealed the south door jamb (matching the one in W1230 on A3).
 - So far have not revealed expected east/west wall on line of column drum. Instead we have horizon B soil with disparate stones and ashlar in basalt and limestone.
 - Line of Cardo 3 N remains clear of walls.
 - We suspect the large room that spans A3 and A4 may be a courtyard with dwelling room to the north. The doorway to the “street” would lock from the inside, as would the doorway to the north room.
 - Revealed the south side of W1236 at about a half meter below the top of the wall. Weak construction on the south side made finding the wall’s interior difficult.
- Began work in E9/10.

- Significant collapse is evident on both sides of the street. To the east, almost nothing of the wall remains. To the west, many ashlar are tipped over into the street. A number of pavers have been robbed out.

Observations

Daily Drawing

