

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

Date: 22 July 07 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	A4	E9-10	C5				
Loci	L1226	L548	L1205				
Baskets	2181	2183	2182				
Walls	W1221, W1224, W1229, W1230						
Floors							

- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - Repair and drawing continue.
- Resumed work on Square A4
 - Starting elevation = Ending elevation = low street = 132.179; high street = 132.423; W1230 = 132.585
 - Ending elevation = average level south east area = 132.471; W1230 = 132.557; column top = 132.937; average level street = 132.159
 - Soil is Horizon B.
 - Leveled the area in the SE part of the square. It was destruction fill only with no evidence of east/west streets.
 - Worked to lower the area of presumed Cardo 3N.
 - Still uncertain about the seeming misalignment of W1230 and W1221.
 - Have yet to reach the bottom of the tilted door jamb.
 - A nail was recovered in the street area.
- Resumed work on Square C5
 - Starting elevation = average level east side of W1229 = 131.504; average level west of wall 1229 = 131.615
 - Ending 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
 - Soil is Horizon B.
 - Worked area east of W1229.

- W1224 seems to be a floating wall with only one course remaining. But we are uncertain, as the state of construction/preservation is poor.
- W1224 seems to form a NW corner with W1229, implying that W1229 does not continue to W554. However, the construction is similar to another floating wall in the same area from last year. The wall's purpose seems to have been agrarian and is significantly higher than the Byzantine walls.
- There is a protrusion on the east side of W1229. It is either a foundation or a previous wall.
- There was little glass or pottery in the fill.
- Continued work in E6-7
 - Cleaned walls and swept floor for details.
 - Pavers are laid up against wall stones, suggesting that the paving was later than the walls.
- Continued work in E9-10.
 - Starting level = . pavers north = 129.362; pavers middle =129.062; level upper south area = 129.055
 - Ending elevation = level of pavers
 - Cleared to the level of the few remaining pavers of the street.
 - West wall was badly damaged and tipped to the east. We numbered and removed the tipped items prior to removing part of the bank (numbering was from south to north). Lower tipped stones were reset into position to hold the bank.

Observations
