

# Hippus (Sussita) Excavations 2006 – 7th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 24 July Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	C/D2	D0	D4	F2	E10
Loci			L1205	L563	L505
Baskets			2107	2108	No ceramics collected
Walls	W592, W1201, W1207				
Floors	F544, F589				

- Continued conservation work in Square C/D2 (Nave)
  - Spent time documenting the earlier floor (F589) by building of database of overlapping photos. Photos were merged into a floor plan in order to identify additional needed documentation.
- Continued work in Square C/D4 (no longer separated by balk)
  - Starting elevation = 130.700 (due to taking down balk); 130.200 (small probe next to W1201 looking for floor)
  - Ending elevation = 131.19 in C4 where W592 was removed
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Took down W592 from the south end of C4 passed the intersection with W1201. The wall is very poorly constructed and after about .75m remains looked like tumble of destruction fill. The wall was possible part of an animal pen.
  - In D4, a probe was dug to a depth of 130.10. We exposed to the bottom of the foundation of W1201. The foundation consists of coarser stones sitting on earth about 1 meter deep. The level of “gravelly” soil earlier reported was probably a mud/plaster floor. In the doorway of W1201 that plaster floor is in evidence above the threshold at an elevation 131.03.
- Continued work in square D0
  - Starting elevation = 130.260 (west end of floor)
  - Ending elevation = 130.260 (west end of floor)
  - Soil is Horizon B

- Cleaned the floor. No evidence that the column sits on a stylobate. Rather it sits on the stone floor of the northerly room. The room has more consistent flooring to the west next to the bench
- Continued work in Square F2
  - Starting elevation = 131.398
  - Ending elevation = 131.185
  - Soil is horizon A
  - Some evidence of a wall running to the north (continuation of W1207?)
- Began work in E9/10
  - Starting elevation = 132.2
  - Ending elevation = 130.6
  - Soil is Horizon A
  - Used a tractor to removed rubble piled up by the IDF and by work done clearing the decumanus. From the fill we recovered part of a handmill and a broken fragment of a column base
  - At the decumanus, the small cardo going north to the NEC is bounded to the west by a massive building of basal ashlar to the height of three courses. The corner of the building is 12.85m to the west. To the east, the small cordo is bounded by a building of much poorer construction, two to three courses of rough stones in height. The terminus of the building to the east is uncertain.

## Observations

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Daily Drawing



2m

Northeast Church Complex  
Hippos 2006



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