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# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

## TeHEP UPDATE

24 January 2010

*An Exclusive Report for TeHEP Alumni, Financial Supporters, and Friends*

**[GLOSSARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN TeHEP UPDATES:**

*Chalcolithic Period = Copper/Stone Age, 4400-3300 BCE; EBA = Early Bronze Age, 3300-2350 BCE; IBA = Intermediate Bronze Age, 2350-2000 BCE; MBA = Middle Bronze Age, 2000-1550 BCE; LBA = Late Bronze Age, 1550-1200 BCE; IA1 = Iron Age 1, 1200-1000 BCE; IA2 = Iron Age 2, 1000-586 BCE; IA3 = Iron Age 3/Persian Period, 586-332 BCE; HP = Hellenistic/Greek Period, 332-63 BCE; ERP = Early Roman Period, 63 BCE-168 CE]*

Hello All:

Although our team numbers are down, we did get some extra help today from a few of our Boy Scouts and about 17 of the Movenpick management staff from the Dead Sea, Aqaba, and Petra hotels.

We continue to define features of our Middle Bronze Age fortification system in three trenches. Today, Jehad pointed out to me that he has in his trench some of the glacis clay material that was used to face the outer surface of the rampart. It's pretty amazing stuff; very hard, and very slippery when smoothed out. It would have made an almost un-climbable surface sloping 36% downward and away from the MBA city wall for some 40 to 50 meters (burying the EBA city wall and street, with several stone stabilizer walls running lengthwise through it. Massive, to say the least.



CHALCOLITHIC HOUSE REBUILT DURING EB1



CHALCOLITHIC MUDBRICK WALL



CHALCOLITHIC WALL FOUNDATION BUILT ON BEDROCK



TAKING DOWN THE MUDBRICK WALLS IN LA 28L

To honor the TeHEP Team and say 'Thanks' for their day at the dig, the Movenpick management staff (all organized by GM Bruno) is holding a special dinner for us and them at The Grill restaurant here at the hotel at 6:30pm this evening (in just over an hour from this writing). So, we'll all enjoy it, and try to get to bed for another day at the site tomorrow. We've heard rumors of rain, but we'll see. It is pretty windy right now. If it does rain, we've got lot's of things to do with our pottery and finds.





MOVENPICK MANAGERS HAULING GUFFAHS



MOVENPICK GM BRUNO SCREENING FOR TEHEP SUPERVISOR CARL

I'm ever grateful for the donations that are still coming. We need these! God bless you all.



THE MOVENPICK MANAGERS WITH THE TEHEP TEAM

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director  
Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University

P.S. Please forward this to whomever you like!

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