



## **Hippos (Sussita) 2003 – 4<sup>rd</sup> Season**

### **Locus Card**

Locus No. L535

#### **Archaeological Context**

Locus Status: closed

Locus Type: plaster

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church:

Opening Date: 22 July

Opening Height: 131.21

Closing Date: 22 July

Closing Height: 131.73

#### **Locus Location**

General Description of Borders:

Narrow gap between exposed sarcophagus and W509

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
L501	F517	L506	L529	sarcophagus	W509	

	X coordinate	Y coordinate
North East	523.55	608.25
South West	624.16	606.00

#### **General Description and Soil Analysis**

Plaster filling gap

#### **Chronology of Excavation**

22 July

- At east end of the sarcophagus, three phases are visible:
  - The final phase in which the gap between the sarcophagus and W509 is filled with plaster to the top of the sarcophagus. This heavy use of plaster is similar to the use of plaster on W514 to seal it to the top of the chancel screen channel and to fill in where the chancel screen posts and screen once were. It is also similar to the use of plaster to repair damage at the east end of the tomb (see below).

- A secondary phase is that of F516 which surrounded the tomb (also on the east side). Some residual wall plaster from W509 overlays the edge of F516 east of the tomb.
- An original phase with mosaic floor F517, although to the east of the tomb, F517 was stone, not mosaic.

### Pottery and Small Finds

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### Concluding Remarks

As all the pottery shards come from the same cooking pot, final analysis may give insight into the dating of the tomb phases.