

# Hippos (Sussita) 2004 –5<sup>th</sup> Season

## Locus Card

Locus no. F517

### Archaeological Context

Locus status: open

Locus Type: floor

Field Manager: Schuler

Area: Northeast Church

Opening Date:

Opening Height: 130.89

Closing Date:

Closing Height: 130.77

### Locus Location

General Description of Borders:

Loci

Below	Above	North	South	West	East	Identical
L508	L507	W521	W510	F538	W502	
L550				F544	W520	
				F526	W509	

	Northing	Easting
Northeast	610.72	513.34
Southwest	605.60	524.83

### General Description and Soil Analysis

Plaster base of the original mosaic floor in the chancel

### Chronology of Excavation

- 26 Sept 04: Continued work in Square B2a
  - Starting elevation = 130.893
  - Ending elevation = 130.774
  - Soil is Horizon C
  - Opened small area north of the cist tomb
  - Cleared to the level of the plaster for F517

- This plaster overlays the plaster that held the lid for the cist tomb, suggesting that F517 is later than the cist tomb!
- 27 Sept 04: Continued work in Square B2a
  - Starting elevation = 130.774
  - Ending elevation = 130.66
  - Removed the plaster base of F517
  - The north line of the opening was plastered vertically . . . running east/west. Could this plaster have joined with the plaster that originally sealed the tomb? So, the foundation for the first building was bounded on the north by the line of the stylobate, on the east by the line of the apse, and on the west by the chancel screen base. The latter was not plastered, so the chancel screen base may have cut the line, even as the stones for F517 cut the plaster.