

# Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2005 – 6th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: \_\_\_10 July\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_NEC\_\_\_\_\_ Manager: Schuler

Squares	B4	C0	E4		
Loci	L557	L558	L505	L548	
Baskets	1976	1975	1977	1978	
Walls	W510, W512, W539, W552, W555				
Floors					

- Continued work in Square B4
  - Starting elevation = 131.48
  - Ending elevation = 131.40
  - Soil is Horizon B
  - Uncovered the square head for a cistern in the northeast corner of B5. The head is 66 x 66cm (height is 49cm). The opening is 36 cm by 38 cm. The opening is incised to hold a 46 x 48 lid (missing). The corners roughly correspond to the major compass directions. The east corner is 37 cm from W512. The north corner is 65 cm from W510. The head of the cistern sits on a base at 131.15, 64cm above the level of the base of the north cistern in D0 (130.51). The cistern in B4 seems to be cut into the rock and bell-shaped.
- Continued work in Square C0
  - Starting elevation = 132.87
  - Ending elevation = 131.58
  - Soil is Horizon A
  - Work began anew to the east of W539. The remaining portion of the square is quite small, so work was slow. There are tightly fitting large stones next to W521. Possibly these are the lower base of a staircase continuing to the east?
- Continued work in Square E4
  - Starting elevation = 131.32
  - Ending elevation = 131.13
  - Soil is Horizon B

- Discovered a doorway in W552 2.6m south of the threshold. The doorway is 0.87m wide. Continuation of the wall to the south is uncertain. The doorway closed from the west. Note by parallel the doorway in the southern most intercolumnation of the atrium.

#### Observations

Multiple cisterns do suggest the previous presence of homes in the site of the church.

Various elevations suggest that the bedrock slopes up from north to south.

