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

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| Squares | B0 | B4 | C0 | E4 |  |
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| Loci | L558 | L557 | L558 | L548 |  |
| Baskets | 1982 | 1980 | 1979 | 1981 |  |
| Walls | W540, W539, W521, W510, W512, W552 |  |  |  |  |
| Floors |  |  |  |  |  |

- Started work in Square B0
o Starting elevation $=131.94$
o Ending elevation = 131.81
o Soil is Horizon A
o Began clearing surface rubble in an attempt to determine if the staircase continues east of W539
- Continued work in Square B4
o Starting elevation $=131.40$ (hole)
o Ending elevation = 131.58 (average)
o Soil is Horizon B
o Continued to articulate stone and remove destruction fill.
o A feature next to the north wall (W510) and about 2.2 m from the east wall (W512) along with plaster edges on the wall above it, and stone fall in a line, all together suggest barrel ribbing of the ceiling. Such a ceiling would also explain the high volume of wedge-shaped pieces that were recovered from the fill.
o The southwest corner of W559 and W554 was discovered on the surface.
- Continued work in Square C0
o Starting elevation $=131.58$
o Ending elevation $=131.15$
o Soil is Horizon A
o W539 continues to the north beyond W540. A similar continuation of W511 to the north confirms that another series of rooms exist to the north.
o There may be a corner or doorway in W540 about 1m east of W539. Further examination is required.
- Continued work in Square E4
o Starting elevation $=131.13$
o Ending elevation $=130.75$
o Soil is Horizon B
o A corner of a building has been identified 1.95 m south of the southwest corner of the church. It protrudes $4-5 \mathrm{~cm}$ further west than does the west wall of the church (W511). At least three courses of ashlars are visible above the street level.

Observations


