

# SHABBAT: MINCHA BEFORE

## WHAT TIME IS MINCHA

### Earliest Mincha before Shabbat

The earliest mincha before Shabbat is one-half hour after halachic midday, as with all mincha prayers.

## SHABBAT: MINCHA AND CANDLE LIGHTING

### Saying Mincha after Lighting Shabbat Candles

A woman or girl who has already lit Shabbat candles may not say mincha for Friday afternoon, even if she lit (after plag ha'mincha but) long before sunset time, unless she intended not to begin Shabbat when she was lighting the candles (and intending to begin later should only be done in urgent situations, not routinely).