

PRAYER TIMES

Introduction to Prayer Times/Zmanim

To calculate prayer times (*zmanim*), divide the total hours of daylight (from sunrise to sunset) by 12. This gives the local “hour” length, called halachic hour (*sha'a zmanit*).

Individual Prayer Times

Plag HaMincha: 1 1/4 halachic hours before sunset until sunset.

NOTE Plag ha'mincha is usually calculated from sunrise to sunset. If necessary, an alternative calculation may be used from dawn to dark, which results in plag ha'mincha's being somewhat later.

Mincha Gedola: 1/2 hour after halachic midday until 2 1/2 halachic hours before sunset.

Mincha Ketana: 2 1/2 halachic hours before sunset until sunset.

Tzeit HaKochavim: 36 to 72 minutes after sunset, depending on the opinion, purpose, and geographical location.