

PRAAYER 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.