

## Shabbat: Candles: Earliest Time To Light

You may not light *Shabbat* (or *Jewish festival*) candles before *plag ha'mincha*. The candles must burn until at least dark (*tzeit ha'kochavim*) and someone must be there to see the light from the candles after dark.

**SITUATION** *Mincha minyan* begins at *plag ha'mincha*. You cannot light candles at home and still get to *mincha minyan* on time.

**WHAT TO DO** You must say *mincha* on your own (anytime from half an hour after mid-day until sunset). You will light candles after *plag ha'mincha* but before sunset and not join the *mincha minyan*.