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 <u>Plag ha'mincha</u> 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 Gedala: 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.

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

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