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).

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