**Ten Minute Halacha - Early Shabbos**

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Making shabbos early. Many shuls have a minhag to make shabbos early to make a uniform time.e.g. 7 pm. Some start early but adjust based on the week, mincha before plag and maariv after plag.

(Plag hamincha- 1 and a quarter halachic hours before the end of the day)

1st type is much more problematic, because genmara berachot 27 says- latest time for mincha

**Rabbi yehuda**-plag.

 **Chachamim** -nightfall(we ll assume shkia)

Gemara concludes whoever you do like is ok(דעבד כמר עבד ודעבד כמר עבד)

 שלחן ערוך ( 233-1)says but you need to be consistent every day, and mishna berura 11 beshaas hadechak you can change but you cannot do תרתי דסתרי even בשעת הדחק

תרתי דסתרי-taking the leniency of each opinion to the point of contradiction

So to have a general 7 pm mincha usually misses plag and youre davening mincha and maariv both after plag before shkia

So Rav Schachter says if this is only minyan then better to daven alone earlier before plag and daven maariv in shul after plag.

However Mishna Berura 267-3 quotes Nesivos that if community davens תרתי דסתרי then you can join them but MB doesn’t really like it

But what is heter to daven like this ? so Aruch Hashulchan says maariv is the burning of limbs and fats. When did that start? So he says they put it on mizbeach during day, so its possible that even if mincha goes till night but it may be possible to daven maariv then also

Rav Itzele Peterburger in פרי יצחק says that maariv is different . Theres really no time for maariv, just when you cant daven mincha then you automaitically daven maariv. So all week you cant do this because you can technically still daven mincha.

But on shabbos since you accepted shabbos, now youre at a zman that you cant daven mincha so by default you can daven maariv.

But Rav Schachter says pray ביחיד early, but says come early so it doesn’t appear that you came late to shul( chilul Hashem) and pretend youre praying so it doesn’t look like יוהרא ( showing off).

**Some other issues**

Davening maariv early on Friday night, so Mishna Berura quotes Magen Avraham that even though normally youre makpid on fri night not a problem to daven early.

Also shema early Shulchan Aruch 235-1 say shema after dark.

And Biur Halacha says from Gaon- if only minyan is early, better to pray beyachid so you say shema with berachos at proper time

Rav Moshe Feinstein 2-60 most don’t follow this gaon, pray early with the minyan and say shema again later