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NIGHT LIFE HARDWORKING MEN

The late James Brown's birthday falls this week, and some of the Godfather's former associates are in town to mark the occasion. The trombonist Fred Wesley is at the Apollo Theatre with Abraham Inc., the clarinetist David Krakauer's forward-looking band. And Bootsy Collins, who started working with Brown as a teen-ager, is at Fillmore New York at Irving Plaza with a tribute show that features his brother Catfish, Clyde Stubblefield, and other funk veterans.

NIGHT LIFE ROCK AND POP

Musicians and night-club proprietors live complicated lives; it's advisable to call ahead to confirm engagements.

APOLLO THEATRE
253 W. 125th St. (212-531-5300)—May 3: Jewish and African-American musical traditions collide with the debut of **Abraham, Inc.** This collaboration features the Klezmer Madness! leader and clarinetist David Krakauer and the versatile and legendary trombonist Fred Wesley (he was musical director and arranger for James Brown, went on to join George Clinton's Parliament/Funkadelic, and then played with the Count Basie Orchestra). With the Canadian d.j. Josh Dolgin, who goes by the name Socalled. The group mixes klezmer, funk, jazz, and hip-hop to ecstatic effect.