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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Almost 14 months before election day 2012 and it seems like old times, circa 2008. A worrisome U.S. economy and high unemployment are not the only obstacles which President Obama have to address. He has to confront an obstructionist, tax-cuts for the rich GOP Congress and a laundry list of other woes such as keeping his base intact, African Americans, Latinos, and his Jewish base. The electoral contest to replace Democrat Congressman Andy Weiner resulted in a GOP victory, the first in that Congressional District, NY9, since 1923. NY9 boasts an 1/3 Orthodox Jewish population. Many are saying that the recent GOP NY victory was a referendum on Obama, a conclusion, which is beyond my ken!

Yes, there are fault lines in the President's relationship with some Jewish voters, which can be repaired. The media is having a veritable feast on the Obama/Jewish situation. However, the most reasoned political analysis, replete

WHAT'S GOING ON



Ops; Marketing Strategies; and Technology Tools. Bill Thompson, former NYC Comptroller, current Chairman of the Battery Park City will be keynote. Admission is free, but registraion is necessary. Visit www.hbany.or or call 347.851.7741 The Center for Culture and Art ,RACCA, will host its First Reading Series of the new Harlem Playwrights 21, which includes Bill Beasley, Count Stoval, Tom Mitchelson, Laurence Holder, Sabura Rashid and Charles White, from September 26 to October 2, at the RACCA Seaport Salon, located at the Shooting Star Theater, 40 Peck Slip, NY, NY, near the South Street Seaport. Donation is \$5. For full schedule, call 917.239.6690

“UnFRAMED, A Man In Progress” by poet/fine artist/actor Iyaba Ibo Mandingo, yes, a mouthful and culturally diverse name, is a blank verse memoir, which begins in the mango-sweet island paradise of Antigua, and moves north to New York's wintry mean streets and beyond. Directed by Brent Buell, UnFRAMED is a brilliant, hypnotic Black male rites of passage theatre piece, which runs from September 22/24 at the John Jay College at 899 Tenth Avenue, Manhattan. Tickets are \$20. Call 212.237.8005 or visit www.unFRAMEDtheplay.com.

The 40th Annual New York Urban League Football Classic, the battle between Howard and Morgan State