

Ted Cruz's Father Making Inroads With New Yorkers

It's no secret Ted Cruz dug himself a hole with New Yorkers after his attacks on Donald Trump's "New York Values" in January. But his father, Pastor Rafael Cruz, has been working hard to open some doors for his campaign.

Earlier this week, the pro-Israel group Proclaiming Justice to the Nations released a video of a speech the elder Cruz made in February at a gala in Tennessee during which he said, "Foundation of America and the American Constitution was the Torah." See the video below.

In the speech, Pastor Cruz told the pro-Israel audience his son is the "strongest supporter of Israel on Capitol Hill," and promised that he "will continue to support Israel unconditionally." He added his son "will not fund the United Nations, until they stop supporting BDS and anti-Semitism."

"Israel is the only country in the world with a title deed from the Almighty!" he added.

Pastor Cruz also confronted replacement theology, by which some Christians believe they are the new Jews and that God has abandoned the Jewish people. He declared that theological view "heresy."

Jewish voters, as well as Hispanic voters can be key swing votes in the Empire State, which will hold its winner-take-all primary on April 19. Currently, Sen. Cruz is polling in third place there, but within the margin of error with second-place Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

Both are polling more than 30 points behind Donald Trump, who is a native of Queens, and has lived in New York his entire life.