**Binary Oppositions in “The Conversion of the Jews”**

**Directions:** The class should split into small groups (2-3), each one selecting one of the binary oppositions listed below. Find examples/evidence of each of your selected binary in the story and analyze it. Ultimately decide which is “favored” by society, as depicted in the story. Each group will present their evidence, analysis, and preferred binary to the class (recreate this diagram on the board if you so wish).

E.g.: **Free v. Limited**

**-**Ozzie “Free”man is controlled by Rabbi “Bind”er

 🡪 “the soul-battering Ozzie Freedman had just received from Rabbi Binder had imposed its limitation” (3).

-“Free” discussion🡪 “Consequently when free-discussion time rolled around none of the students felt too free” (3).

 🡪Can discuss “any matter at all” as long as it’s a “Jewish matter” (3).

-America=land of the free, but Jews are “The Chosen People” and historically oppressed

-“God could do anything” (2), except make a Mary pregnant without intercourse

-Yakov sees things as part of one of only two possible categories: “good-for-the-Jews or no-good-for-the-Jews” (5)

-“JUMP or DON’T JUMP” (8)

-Rabbi Binder ultimately admits that “God can do Anything” (9), but only because Ozzie “make[s]” him (8).

🡪Conclusion: Ultimately, there are limits on everything, including freedom.

**Real v. Fake**

**Jews v. Gentiles**

**Old World v. New World**

**God v. Man**

**Body v. Mind**

**Political v. Spiritual**

**Different v. Same**

**Comprehending v. Uncomprehending**