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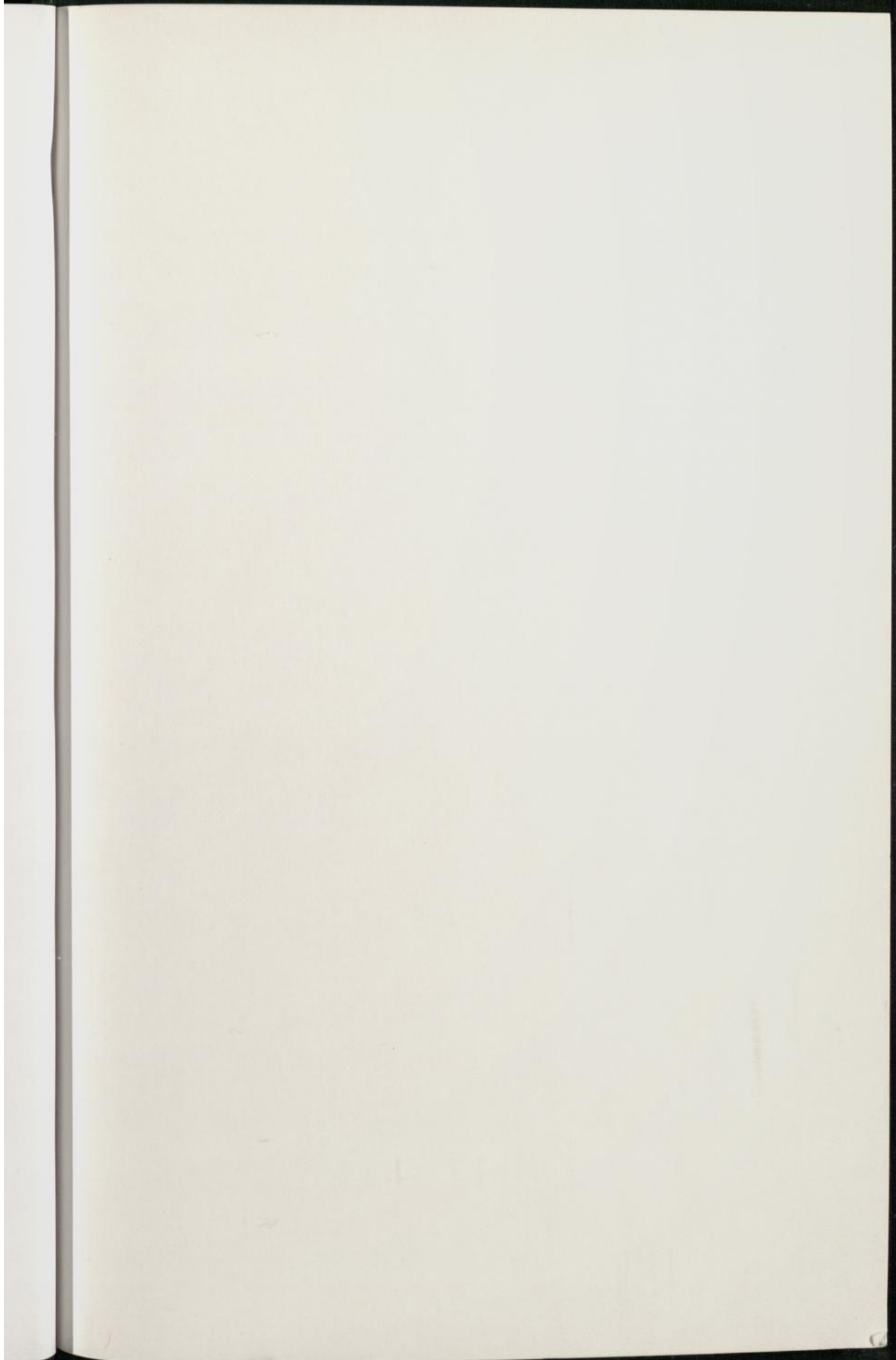
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America has had a greater influence on Jewish life and thought than any other land. America was different from the beginning. Here, we Jews were part of the great democratic experiment with religious freedom. We sought ways of adapting the *halakhah*, the basic expression of Jewish life and thought, to this newly found freedom. Was it possible to adjust or reinvent the halakhic path? What roles have democracy, personal autonomy, and the absence of authority played in this effort? The interplay of these and other forces has influenced all Jewish life in ways both obvious and subtle.

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