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## William Shatner

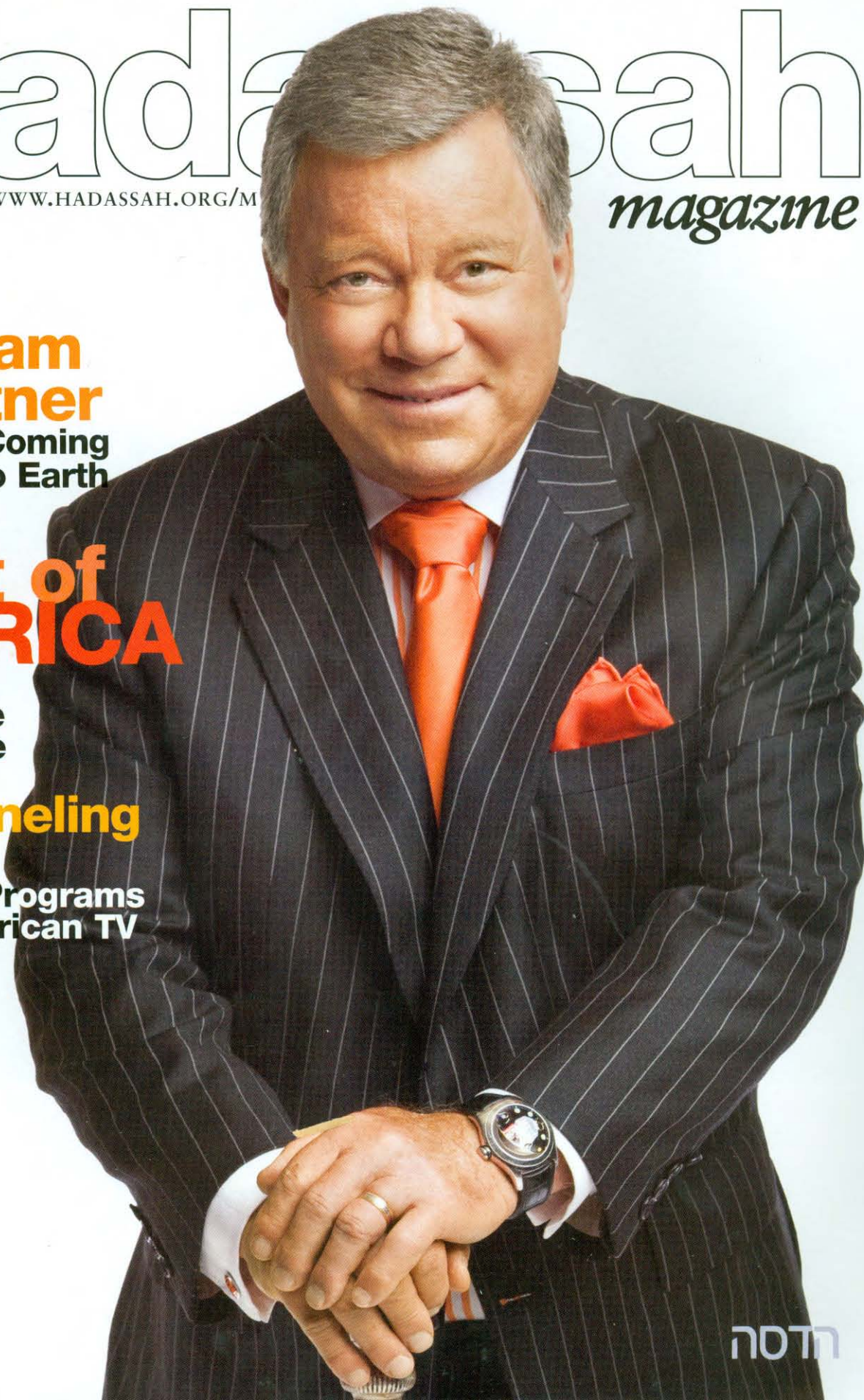
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## Stamped and Delivered— and Reclaimed for Posterity

In 1942, a German corporal named Paul Ehrenfreund wrapped a parcel he sent home to Vienna in a fragment of handwritten biblical scroll that had been pilaged from a Russian synagogue. Sixty-five years later, at a philatelic event, collector Daniel Spungen saw the torn fragment (left) with its incongruous postal markings. Ironically, it told the story of David and Goliath.

“My life changed,” says Spungen, a board member of the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation of Deerfield, Illinois ([www.spungenfoundation.org](http://www.spungenfoundation.org)). Spungen bought the fragment and about 250 other pieces of World War II-era letters, cards and postal documents that writer, civil rights activist and philatelist Ken Lawrence had painstakingly gathered over the past 30 years to counter the claims of Holocaust deniers.

Now Spungen travels to schools with pieces from the collection. “The Nazi Scourge: Postal Evidence of the Holocaust and the Devastation of Europe” is

available to educational institutions and museums around the world and will have its home base at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, scheduled to open in 2009 in Skokie.

The collection is insured for \$1 million, but, says Spungen, “the educational value to future generations is incalculable.” —*Rahel Musleah*

