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In this paper we propose a spectral flow for graph Laplacians, and prove that it counts the number of nodal domains for a given Laplace eigenvector. This extends work done for Laplacians on \mathbb{R}^n to the graph setting. We mention some open problems relating the topology of a graph to the analytic behaviour of its Laplace eigenvectors, and include numerical examples illustrating our flow. (Received August 06, 2020)